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Subject: URGING OAS ENGAGEMENT IN VENEZUELA: SURINAME RESPONSE

Ref: (A) STATE 70877, (B) STATE 71650

1. (U) CLASSIFIED BY DCM, LISA BOBBIE SCHREIBER  
HUGHES, REASON 1.5(B) and (D)

2. (U) As requested ref A, Post has shared the April 14 White House statement on the situation in Venezuela with Suriname's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Also as requested ref A, on April 15 Charge approached Suriname's second-in-command at the Foreign Ministry, Acting Permanent Secretary Ewald Limon. Asked whether Suriname would take a position with respect to recent events in Venezuela, Limon indicated that no vocal stance should be expected. He recited standard policy: Suriname does not support coups, and does not advocate violence. When asked, he confirmed that Foreign Minister Marie Levens did plan to attend the April 18 OAS Ministerial in Washington. (Embassy note: although her intentions were positive, poor travel connections will preclude Minister Levens from attending the OAS meeting. Post will confirm whether Suriname's resident Ambassador to the United States and the OAS, Henry L. Illes, will attend in her stead. End Embassy note.) Post will also share with the Foreign Ministry all points transmitted ref B concerning USG objectives for the OAS Ministerial.

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